

Caring for Our Town Environment

-Reduce, Reuse, Recycle of Garbage -

For Neo-Literates in Urban Areas

One day in Sunita's Town

Look! My friend Ruby is on the news. Her town won the Clean-Green Prize!

Clean-Green
Campaign
Grand Prize

Payatas Town

I'm really surprised. Her town used to be just like ours. I'll visit her and find out how they received the prize.

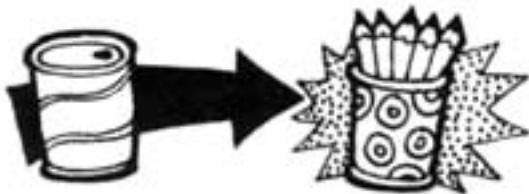
Sunita visited Ruby's town.

Ruby! I saw you on the poster! Tell me, how did you get the Clean-Green Prize? What is your secret?



Before we started cleaning the town, garbage was scattered everywhere. We tried to find out ways to use discarded materials. Now, we are even making small profit by selling goods made from garbage. I'll tell you the details.





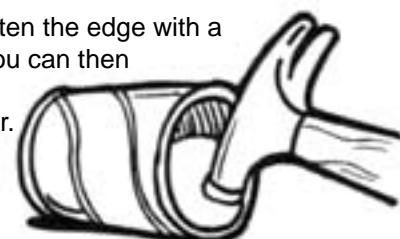
You see, for example, there are many empty cans all around us. We can make pencil holders out of soda cans.



First, remove the top cover of the can and wash it.



Second, flatten the edge with a hammer. You can then use it as a pencil holder.



If you have some old gift wrapper or cloth scraps, cover the can with them.

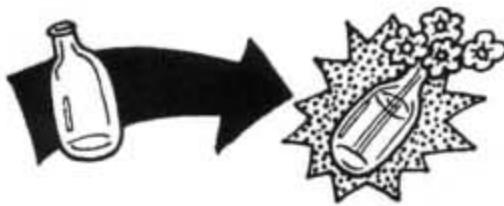


Decorate the can with lace and ribbons.

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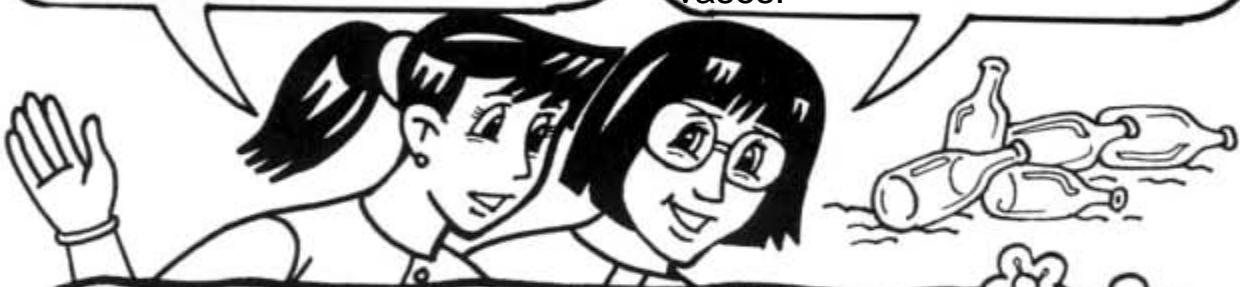
Here are lovely pencil holders made out of empty soda cans!





I also see many empty plastic bottles. How can we use them?

From plastic bottles, we can make both flower pots and vases.



First, wash both inside and outside of the plastic bottle.

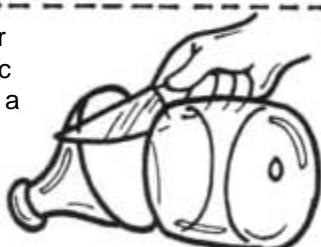


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You can simply put some water in it and use it as a flower vase or....



Cut off the upper part of the plastic bottle and make a hole in the bottom.



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Put some soil inside and then plant some flowers or herbs. Place a plate under it to catch water.



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You can use discarded plastic bottles as flower vases or pots! Flowers and herbs can make your house and town beautiful.



Thank you Ruby, I'll try to make them with my friends.

Payatas town won the Clean-Green Prize and is making profit by selling goods made from garbage. Let's try it in our town, too.

A few weeks later



Hi Ruby, thanks for teaching us how to make useful things from garbage. Look! The town is cleaner.

Hello Sunita, how are you?

That's good. But Sunita, reusing of garbage is not the only reason we won the Clean-Green Prize.

What do you mean?

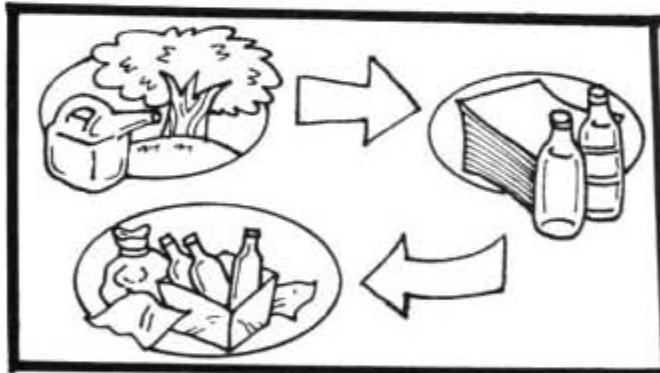
1 REDUCE

Sunita, where do you think garbage comes from?

Mainly from our houses.
We buy things and throw all
the waste away. That's
garbage.

Yes, so that means if we
keep throwing things away,
our neighborhood will be
crowded with garbage.

And you know, even gar-
bage is made from natural
resources.



So, the first practice we did
was to REDUCE what we
consume.

I didn't know that gar-
bage was made from
something valuable.

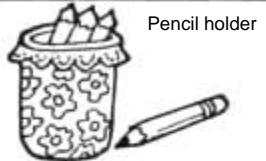
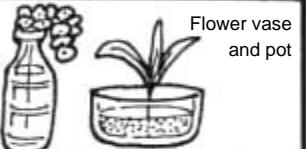
I see. Reducing what we
consume leads to reducing
garbage in the town.

2 REUSE

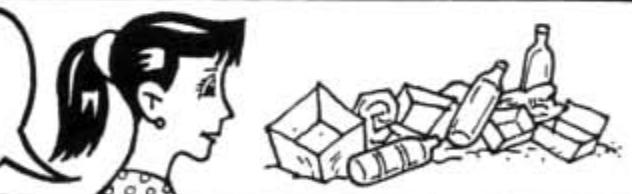




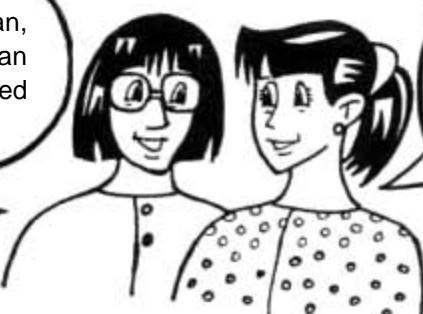
The following are some items which can be reused. It is also important to know what they are made from because our natural resources are limited.

ITEM	What is the item made from?	Is the item reusable?	How can it be reused?
Can	Aluminum	Yes	 Pencil holder
Plastic bottle	Petroleum	Yes	 Flower vase and pot
Newspaper	Tree	Yes	 Paper basket
Vegetable wastes	Vegetables	Yes	Used to feed domestic animals such as poultry.

By reusing garbage, we can reduce the amount of waste, which makes our town clean.

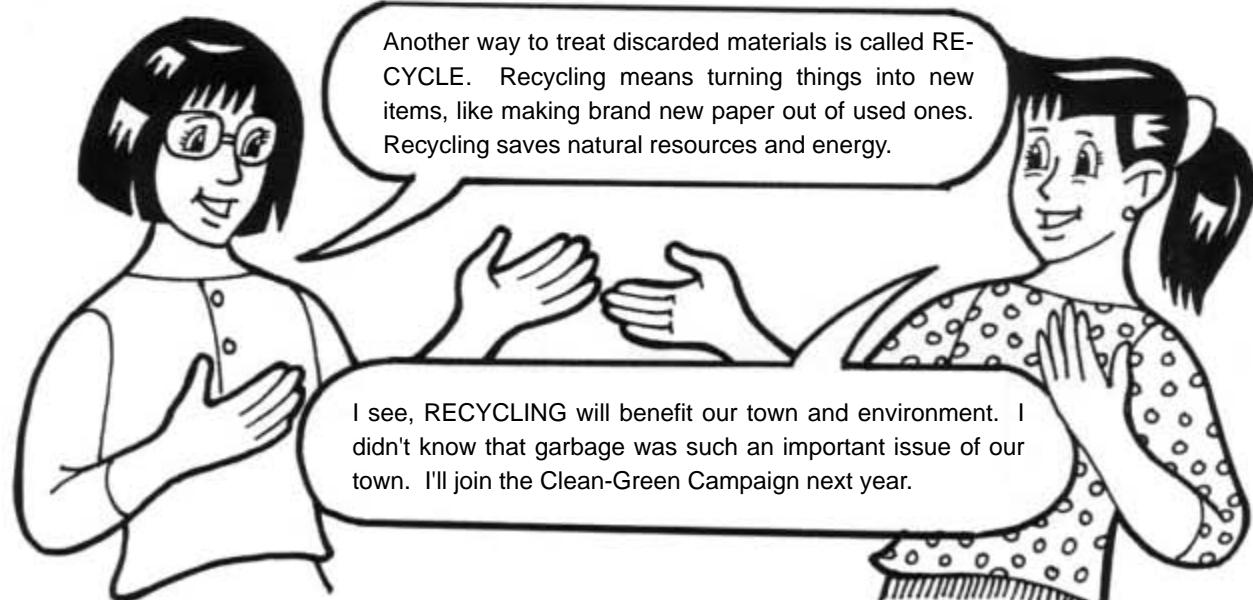
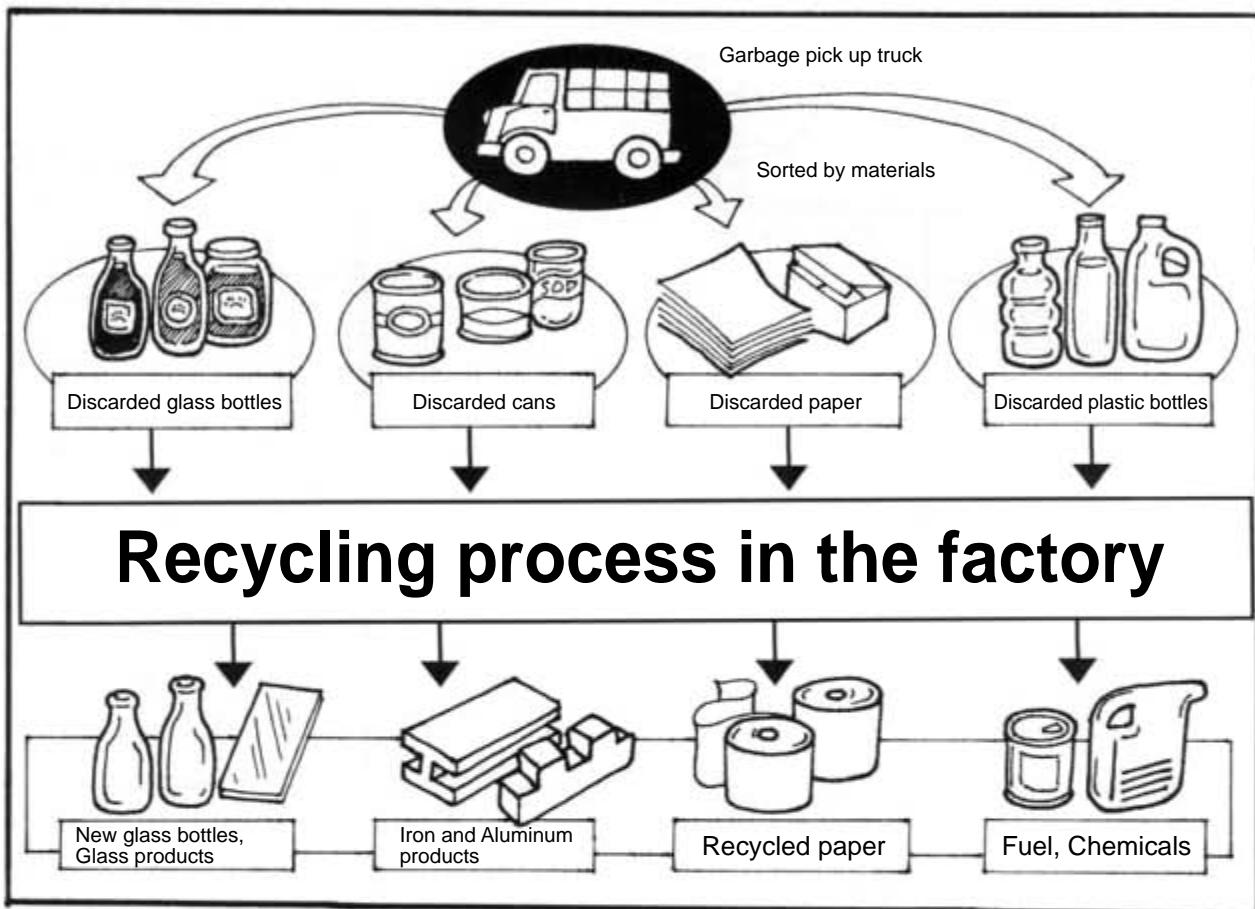


Besides keeping our town clean, reusing discarded materials can save money and save our limited natural resources.



I've never thought other that garbage itself was so valuable. Are there any other ways to improve our town?

③ RECYCLE



Pasay Town started practicing "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle" by separating garbage, and making goods from garbage. They kept their town very clean.



The following year

This year's winner for the Clean-Green Campaign is...





Benefits of "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" of garbage

1. "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" can make town and environment clean
2. "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" saves money
3. "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" saves natural resources

Guide for Utilization

Target Learners: Neo-Literates in urban areas

Theme: Reduction of garbage and utilization of used materials

Type: Instructional

Objectives:

1. To introduce ways of handling garbage in order to keep the environment clean.
2. To encourage learners to "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" garbage.
3. To motivate learners to value materials and natural resources.

Application:

1. Before distributing the booklet, ask learners what sort of garbage people throw away. Ask how they treat the garbage to keep the surroundings clean.
2. Distribute the booklet and ask the learners to read through it.
3. After reading the booklet, discuss how garbage can be reduced in the town.
4. Ask learners what raw materials of the garbage people throw away and how some of them can be used again.
5. Introduce ideas of reusing materials.
6. Demonstrate the production of goods, explained in pages 4-6 to learners.
7. Explain how some items can be recycled.
8. Review benefits of "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" and discuss how learners can actually practice these three concepts.

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